



DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

MEETING AGENDA APRIL 18, 2017

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Bradley, Newman, Newstadt

REMINDER TO SILENCE / TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

AGENCY REMARKS:

Bob Callahan, Interim Director, Wilmington VAMC (**Excused Absence**)

Bill Peterson, Administrator, DVH

Jessica Finan, Executive Director, Home of the Brave

Dave Rich, Director, Veterans Employment and Training

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEAR CEMETERY (Armbruster)

Interments – 86

Tree of Life (Display) Dedication Ceremony – Friday, 28 April / 0930

- Sponsored by Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home

Retirement Event for Groundsman Jim Phillips following the dedication

POW/MIA Chair of Honor – **tentatively Saturday, 20 May / 1000**

MILLSBORO CEMETERY (Bradley)

Interments – 34

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Sarg)

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (McMullen)

COMMEMORATIVE AFFAIRS (Seppala)

Memorial Day event dates

- Bear Cemetery: Saturday, 27 May / 1030**
- Bridge: Monday, 29 May / 1030**

Flag Day event date

- Millsboro Cemetery: Wednesday, 14 June / 1000**

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

- Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)**
- American Legion (AL)**
- American Veterans (AMVETS)**
- Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)**
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**
- Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA)**
- Marine Corps League (MCL)**
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)**
- Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)**
- Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)**
- Veterans of Foreign War (VFW)**
- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)**
- At Large (Newstadt, Showell, Hampton)**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

**DVTF Previous Month: Applications 8; Granted 7 (87.5%); Awarded \$7055.59;
Balance - \$55,551.00**

Governor's Prayer Breakfast: Thursday, 4 May / 0630

- Five seats remain at DCVA table**

Veterans Weekend Couples Retreat (see flyer) 5 - 7 May or 28 – 30 July

Memorial Day Federal Holiday is the fourth Monday in May and we choose this date for our bridge ceremony. As a holiday, it allows maximum Veteran participation, because 30 May is usually a work day.

TERM EXPIRATIONS:

- Armbruster 14 June**
- Farley 14 June**
- Sarg – 14 June**
- Seppala 14 June**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

World War I Memorial (OPEN)

- Scheduled for placement 27 April / 1430 at Legislative Hall**

May Meeting with Lt Gen Timmons, DNG (OPEN)

- 16 May / 1000 meeting will convene at DNG Headquarters**

August Meeting at American Veterans' Post 22 (OPEN)

- Awaiting date confirmation from Commissioner Bradley**

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORGANIZATION

NEXT MEETING: 16 May 2017 / 1000 / Delaware National Guard, Biden Center, New Castle

PURSUANT TO 29 DEL. § 10004(b), THE DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MAY MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH MAY ARISE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC BODY'S MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH 29 DEL., § 10004(c)(2).